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SUBJECT: AL TOHAMY VISIT

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- 1. DURING CALL ON PRESIDENT MARCOS NOVEMBER 21, I
 INQUIRED ABOUT STATE OF GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATING EFFORTS
 WITH MUSLIM REBELS IN WAKE OF AL TOHAMY VISIT. MARCOS
 REHEARSED GENERAL COMBUSTION WHICH TOHAMY HAD ACHIEVED
 DURING HIS SHORT STAY HERE, BUT NEVERTHELESS REMAINED
 DOGGEDLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS OF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.
- 2. MARCOS SAID THAT HE FELT HE HAD MANAGED TO CUSHION SOMEWHAT THE MORE ABRASIVE ASPECTS OF TOHAMY'S APPROACH, AND PARTICULARLY TO PREVENT ANY UNTOWARD DAMAGE TO THE INDONESIAN MEDIATION EFFORT. HE CONSIDERS THAT THE SECRET

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ISLAMIC CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP OF NUR MISUARI IS LESS

FORMAL AND LESS CATEGORIC THAN BEEN DEPICTED. ON THE CONTRARY, HE REGARDS NUR MISUARI AS ESSENTIALLY A PROTEGE OF QADHAFI WHO, IN TURN, MAY BE OUT OF STEO WITH MORE CONSERVATIVE MUSLIMS.

- 3. IN ANY EVENT, HE FEELS HIS OWN NEGOTIATION PREPARATIONS ARE GOING AHEAD SATISFACTORILY. IT IS NOW HIS EXPECTATION THAT NUR MISUARI WILL BE WILLING TO STAND ASIDE FROM THE NEGOTIATIONS AS A DIRECT PARTICIPANT, BUT WILL ACCEPT THE FACT THAT OTHER LEADERS OF THE MNLF WILL, AS A GROUP, UNDERTAKE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HE, MISUARI, WILL CONDONEM MARCOS BELIEVES HE CAN ASSEMBLE SUCH A GROUP, PREFERABLY IN INDONESIA, IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
- 4. BECAUSE OF CAPRICIOUS BEHAVIOR OF TUN MUSTAPHA, MARCOS HOPES THAT GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA WILL BE PREPARED TO IGNORE THE TUN'S MACHINATIONS AND GIVE CONSTRUCTIVE ASSISTANCE TO A NEGOTIATING EFFORT. SULLIVAN

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